useful to the public cause. I need hardly say that an institution like the Cochin Legislative Council is playing an honourable part in the advancement of the material progress of the people of the Cochin State. I have no doubt that, on this occasion also, we will be able to justify our position as worthy and useful representatives of the people of Cochin. With these words, I now open the session.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Appointment of District Judges in short vacancies.

1. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) i. if there has been any instance in Cochin when a District Judge has been appointed for short vacancies of less than 20 days, and

ii. if so, the name of the persons so appointed, and

iii. the special circumstances that necessitated the appointment;

(b) whether there is at present any proposal to create another Additional District Judgeship; and if so, to state the special circumstances for this new creation and to state whether the personnel of the office has been selected already?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) i. Yes, there was one instance.

ii. Mr. U. Kandir Menon.

iii. The Chief Court Judges recommended that a substitute was necessary, and the Government accepted the recommendation.

(b) No proposal at present.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is this the only instance?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—So far as I can see, it is the only instance.

Candidates deputed for Police Training.

2. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state, whether

(a) (1) the candidate deputed for training at Vellur (for Police Commissionership of Cochin) has completed his course; and

(2) is he to undergo practical training as the two Inspectors are now undergoing after their return from Vellur;

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